

Propositions passed at the AGM 2017

<p>1</p>	<p>Proposed by the ITTF Athletes Commission</p> <p>To delete 1.12.8.1 and to renumber 1.12.8.2:</p> <p>1.12.8 A person connected in any way with the manufacture, sale or endorsement of table tennis equipment or with consultation on such equipment:</p> <p>1.12.8.1 shall not be eligible as President or Executive Vice-President; a member of the Executive Committee;</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee</p> <p>To amend 2.8.3 and 2.10.1.15:</p> <p>2.8.3 In doubles, when at least one player of a pair is in a wheelchair due to a physical disability, the server shall first make a service, the receiver shall then make a return but thereafter either player of the disabled pair may make returns. However, no part of a player's wheelchair nor a foot of a standing player of this pair shall protrude beyond the imaginary extension of the centre line of the table. If it does, the umpire shall award the point to the opposing pair.</p> <p>2.10.1 Unless the rally is a let, a player shall score a point</p> <p>2.10.1.15 as provided under the order of play (2.8.3).</p> <p>2.10.1.15 if, where an opposing doubles pair includes at least one player in a wheelchair, any part of the wheelchair or a foot of a standing player crosses an imaginary extension of the centre line.</p>

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<p>A</p>	<p>Proposed by the Congo Brazzaville and Cote d'Ivoire Table Tennis Associations</p> <p>That the number of associations at each WCTT shall be decided by the AGM when an association present its candidature to host it.</p>
<p>B</p>	<p>Proposed by the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Association</p> <p>The ITTF should develop a draft, to be discussed and adopted at the 2018 General Assembly, containing, at least:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A clear statement of the ITTF vision, mission and a four years strategic plan. 2 The amendment to the ITTF Constitution to make it full compliant to the basic principles of good governance. Special consideration to be given to the establishment of transparent and enhanced dispute resolution mechanisms and adequate procedures to avoid conflicts of interests. 3 The ITTF should establish a system of internal audit and budget control and a clear and adequate risk management process.

<p>C</p>	<p>Proposed by the Royal Spanish Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To create a new Working Group on “Table Tennis for all”</p> <p>Role of the new Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to advise the ITTF on “Table Tennis for all” issues, • to co-ordinate efforts to increase global participation in table tennis events, • to develop new ideas and initiatives to promote table tennis on all continents and on a “Table Tennis for all”/grassroots level.
<p>D</p>	<p>Proposed by Hong Kong Table Tennis Association and Korean Table Tennis Association</p> <p>ITTF needs to study and review the rule on materials of a racket blade, with an ultimate goal that blades may be made of materials other than wood.</p>

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<p>5</p>	<p>Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.1 and 3.2.5.1.1 and to delete 3.2.5.12:</p> <p>3.2.5 Advertisements and Markings</p> <p>3.2.5.1 Inside the playing area, advertisements shall be displayed only on equipment or fittings listed in 3.2.3.2 or on players’ and umpires’ clothing or on players’ numbers and there shall be no special additional displays.</p> <p>3.2.5.1.1 Advertisements or markings in or next to the playing area, on playing clothing or numbers and on umpires’ clothing, shall not be for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks, harmful drugs or illegal products and they shall be without negative discrimination or connotation on the grounds of race, xenophobia, gender, religion, disabilities or other forms of discrimination.</p> <p>3.2.5.12 There shall be no advertisements on players’ clothing or numbers for tobacco goods, alcoholic drinks or harmful drugs.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee and the Rules Committee</p> <p>To amend 3.2.5.5</p> <p>3.2.5.5 There may be up to 4 advertisements on the floor of the playing area; such markings</p> <p>3.2.5.5.1 may be placed 1 at each end, each contained within an area of 5m², and 1 at each side of the table, each contained within an area of 2.5m²;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.2 shall not be less than 1m from the surrounds and those at the ends shall not be more than 2m from the surrounds;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.3 shall be of the same uniform colour different from the colour of the ball in use, unless other colours have been agreed in advance with the ITTF;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.4 shall not alter significantly the surface friction of the flooring;</p> <p>3.2.5.5.5 shall only consist of a logo, wordmark or other icons, and shall not include any backgrounds.</p>

Proposed by the ITTF Rules Committee

To amend 3.2.5.6 and to introduce new sub-paragraphs 3.2.5.6.1, 3.2.5.6.2, 3.2.5.6.3, 3.2.5.6.4 and 3.2.5.6.5.

~~3.2.5.6 There may be 1 permanent advertisement of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo and 1 temporary advertisement on each half of each side of the tabletop and 1 on each end, and each contained within a total length of 60cm. The temporary advertisements shall be clearly separated from any permanent advertisements; they shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers and there shall be no advertisement, logo, name of table or name of the manufacturer or supplier of the table on the undercarriage, except if the table manufacturer or supplier is the title sponsor of the tournament.~~

3.2.5.6 Advertisements on the table shall comply with the following requirements:

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3.2.5.6.1 There may be 1 permanent advertisement of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo on each half of each side of the table top and on each end.

3.2.5.6.2 There may be 1 temporary advertisement, which also can be of the manufacturer's or supplier's name or logo, on each half of each side of the table top and on each end.

3.2.5.6.3 Each permanent and temporary advertisement shall be contained within a total length of 60cm.

3.2.5.6.4 Temporary advertisements shall be clearly separated from any permanent advertisements.

3.2.5.6.5 Advertisements shall not be for other table tennis equipment suppliers.

3.2.5.6.6 There shall be no advertisement, name of table, name or logo of the manufacturer or supplier of the table on the undercarriage, except if the table manufacturer or supplier is the title sponsor of the tournament.

Proposed by the ITTF Sports Science and Medical Committee

To amend 4.1.2.2.4, 4.1.2.2.8 and 4.2.2.2.5:

4.1.2.2 Organisers shall provide accommodation and meals from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after the Championships end for:

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4.1.2.2.4 up to 3 ~~members of the~~ Doping Control **Supervisors Panel** appointed by the Sports Science and Medical Committee;

4.1.2.2.8 up to 7 members of the ITTF staff including 1 assisting the Doping Control **Panel Supervisors**.

4.2.2.2 Organisers shall provide accommodation and meals from the evening before the Championships begin until the morning after the Championships end for:

4.2.2.2.5 up to 2 ~~members of the~~ Doping Control **Panel Supervisors** appointed by the Sports Science and Medical Committee;

<p style="text-align: center;">10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed by the Chinese Table Tennis Association</p> <p>To amend 4.1.9.6</p> <p>4.1.9.6 "... The maximum entry for each association is 2 men's doubles pairs, 2 women's doubles pairs and 2 mixed doubles pairs; all players may be different. In case player A who is entered in the singles event, pairs with a player from another association in the doubles event, such a composite pair shall be counted as 0.5 doubles entry per association; however, each association can only enter a maximum of 2 such composite pairs."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee</p> <p>To amend 4.2.9.2</p> <p>4.2.9.2 The system of play and the system of qualification in the team and individual events, shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Junior Commissioner, Technical Commissioner and the Competition Program, and shall be notified to all Associations not later than 6 calendar months before the start of the Championships.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LIEBHERR 2018 World Championships Qualification System</p> <p>4.1.9.3 The system of play in team and individual events, the system of qualification in the team event and their implementation dates shall be decided by the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Technical Commissioner and the Competition Program.</p> <p><u>2016 ITTF Board of Directors decision</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>4-BOD-03-2016</p> <p>Based on the Swedish organisers' update report, the Board decided to have a maximum 72 men's and 72 women's teams at the 2018 World Championships, and gave the mandate to the Working Group to propose further changes within this limit if their conclusion on future ITTF events is different and if the implementation of the changes is realistic.</p> </div> <p>At its meeting during the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the ITTF Future Event Working Group agreed and proposed to the Executive Committee to have the 72-teams system at the LIEBHERR 2018 World Team Championships in Halmstad (SWE). This is the same what the BoD decided in 2016, but it was left open, pending the Working Group's recommendation.</p> <p>After the number of teams was confirmed (72 men and 72 women), the ITTF Executive Committee discussed the subject on 1st October 2016 and resolved to submit the following proposal to the ITTF Board of Directors in 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To follow the same principle and system of qualification as in 2016, proportionally reducing the number of teams. 2. Participation is guaranteed for the top 2 finishers of the 4th Division in 2016 (teams finishing on 73rd–74th places). 3. Latin America and North America are considered as Panam, because the 2017 Panam Championships will serve as the qualification tournament for them. <p>The list of the ITTF-Continental Championships identified for the qualification criteria:</p> <p>2016 ITTF-Oceania Championships, Bendigo (AUS) – 20-24 March 2016 2016 ITTF-African Championships, Aghadir (MAR) – 24-30 October 2016 2017 ITTF-Asian Championships, Wuxi (CHN) – 9-16 April 2017</p>

2017 ITTF-Panam Championships, Cartagena de Indias (COL) – 11-17 Sep 2017
 2017 ITTF-European Team Championships, Luxembourg (LUX) – 13-17 Sep 2017

	2016	2018
Previous WTTC result	48	36
Continental Qualification		
Africa	7	5
Asia	12	9
Europe	12	9
Latin America	7	
North America	1	
Pan America		6
Oceania	3	2
Host Association	1	1
World Team Ranking	5	4
	96	72

Notes:

- a) Previous WTTC result quota includes top 2 of 3rd and 4th Divisions (top 32 finishers + 49th-50th and 73rd-74th places)
- b) Continental qualification quota is fixed and in addition to the previous WTTC result quota
- c) Any unused qualification quotas by deadline will revert to World Team Ranking
- d) Only an Association which has taken part with at least one player or team in its preceding Continental Championships, including qualification tournaments, or Continental Games, shall be eligible to enter teams or individual players in the Championships.

Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee and the ITTF Technical Commissioner

2019 World TT Championships Playing System

1. STRUCTURE

- 1.1 There will be 5 individual events – Men’s Singles, Women’s Singles, Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles and Mixed Doubles.
- 1.2 The first round proper of Men’s Singles and Women’s Singles will have 128 places and the first round proper of Men’s Doubles, Women’s Doubles and **Mixed Doubles will have 64 places.**
- 1.3 **Singles events will have 64 seeded players and 64 qualifiers. Doubles events will have 32 seeded pairs and 32 qualifiers.**
- 1.4 Qualification for singles will comprise groups of 3 or 4. If there are more than 64 groups a knockout round will be played to determine qualifiers. If there are less than 64 groups all group winners and some second placed players will qualify for the main draw. **The method for determining which second placed players qualify will be decided once final entries and number of groups are known and will be advised no later than 2 weeks after the closing date for entries.**
- 1.5 Qualification for doubles will be by knockout.
- 1.6 All singles matches will be best of 7 games. Doubles matches will be best of 5 games in qualification matches and best of 7 games in the main draw.

2. DRAWS

2.1 Singles

- 2.1.1 Singles groups will comprise 3 (or 4) players with each group winner proceeding to a qualification knockout draw (if more than

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64 groups) or first round proper. The draw for the groups will use a snake system.

2.1.2 The draw for the first round proper will have 2 stages with the first stage split. The initial first stage draw will take place on XXX and draw the players seeded 17 – 32 and 33 – 64 into appropriate positions at random. The final first stage draw will occur on XXX (but separately from the initial first stage draw) when seeds 1 – 16 will be drawn. Seeds 9 – 16 will be drawn first, followed by seeds 5 – 8, then seeds 3 – 4 and finally seeds 1 and 2.

2.1.3 The second stage draws of qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 64 positions, subject to clause 2.3.

2.2 Doubles

2.2.1 The initial draw for the first round proper will take place on XXX when the seeded players will be drawn into appropriate positions.

2.2.2 The second stage draws of qualifiers will be drawn following the completion of the qualification rounds and be drawn at random into the remaining 32 positions, subject to clause 2.3.

3.2 Players of the same Association shall be separated according to 3.6.3.1, 3.6.3.3, 3.6.3.4 and 3.6.3.5 only in preliminary rounds and groups and in the first round of the draw but not in further rounds.

The World Ranking list which will be used for seeding and for the draws shall be the WR to be published in XXX 2019 (No.X).

14 ***Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee and Junior Commissioner***

To return the World Junior Championships Teams to 16 men’s and 16 women’s teams, consisting of Africa-2, Asia-3, Europe-3, Pan America-3 (2+1), Oceania-1, Host-1, World Ranking-3, with maximum 5 teams per continent (excluding the host). All qualified teams must have participated in their continental junior championships. Men’s and Women’s Singles would then have a corresponding decrease in numbers from 96 to 80, being 16 teams x 4 players + 16 World Ranking.

15 ***Proposed by the ITTF Executive Committee***

To amend in Chapter 5:

Scope – Definition of IL Athletes

...The **first 8 Men and Women in each Class following ~~Athletes~~** in the Para Table Tennis rating, available on <http://www.ipttc.org/rating/>:

	Men	Women
Class 1-5 (Sitting)	Top-80	Top-30
Class 6-10 (Standing)	Top-90	Top-30
Class 11 (Mentally impaired)	Top-15	Top-10

Proposed by the ITTF Equipment Committee

To amend Technical Leaflet T4 for Racket Coverings (update)

Rationale for Changes in T4, 2017

- *Throughout the document:*
 - *Link changes due to the new ITTF web site.*
 - *References to “the ITTF web site” are changed to “ITTF.com”.*
 - *Fixes to typographical errors.*
- *Page 5: The unit for measuring gloss was shown as %, but this was technically incorrect; the correct unit is “gloss units”. From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glossmeter>:
“The measurement results of a glossmeter are related to the amount of reflected light from a black glass standard with a defined refractive index. The ratio of reflected to incident light for the specimen, compared to the ratio for the gloss standard, is recorded as gloss units (GU).”*
- *Page 7: A slight clarification in the text about packaging of assembled rackets.*
- *Page 7: There was a lot of temporary text here, dealing with the transition to require country of origin statements on the rubber packaging. We are no longer in the transition period so the temporary text is no longer needed.*
- *Page 10: What we call the “simplified” procedure is actually more complex than the normal procedure, so we should not call it “simplified”. It is more accurate to call it “expedited” as it allows the supplier to accelerate the process.
This became especially obvious when a couple companies broke some rules and were punished by not being permitted to use the simplified procedure. It looked inappropriate to punish a company and tell them they may not use a simple process; implying they must use a complicated process. The reality was that they were not permitted to use a faster process.*
- *Page 11: Companies that sell boosters should not be permitted to have ITTF authorized equipment.
Boosting is an illegal practice, and companies that sell the boosters are enabling and encouraging players to do this. At the same time, those companies are able to use the fact that they produce boosters for a special marketing advantage that can make their products seem more appealing. For example (these are not actual statements they have made):*
 - *“Our rubbers are specially formulated to be used with our boosters.”*
 - *“If you like our boosters, you can buy our rubbers that are pre-boosted to save you the trouble of boosting.”*
 - *“If you like our rubbers but want something slightly different, just buy our booster and use it on a different rubber.”**Furthermore, as a general principle, the ITTF should avoid association with companies that encourage practices that violate ITTF rules.*

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Proposed by the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association

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ITTF Umpires and Referees Committee to work towards a plan to increase the honorarium of Technical Officials (Referees and Umpires) invited to major international tournaments.